

**224.43-080 Newsprint Recycling Task Force -- Composition -- Duties -- Report.**

- (1) On July 15, 1994, and annually thereafter, each publisher shall submit a report to the cabinet. The report shall indicate the amount of newsprint used in the preceding year, its recycled content, along with any other information required by the cabinet.
- (2) The Governor shall appoint a Newsprint Recycling Task Force consisting of the secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet or a designee; the chairman of the Kentucky Recycling and Marketing Assistance Advisory Committee or a designee; the executive director of the Kentucky Press Association or a designee; three (3) members from environmental organizations; and five (5) members representing the Kentucky newsprint publishing industry and newsprint manufacturers doing business in Kentucky. A list of names of potential task force members shall be provided by the president of the Kentucky Press Association.
- (3) The task force members shall each serve a two (2) year term. The initial five (5) industry representatives appointments shall consist of two (2) two (2) year terms and three (3) one (1) year terms.
- (4) The Newsprint Recycling Task Force shall meet as necessary to monitor the use of newsprint in the state for the following goals:
  - (a) To increase the demand for recycled newsprint in Kentucky;
  - (b) To increase the availability for the product;
  - (c) To establish Kentucky as a reliable source of old newsprint for recycling; and
  - (d) To identify, develop, and advance initiatives to recycle and reuse discarded newspapers and paper products with an emphasis on recycling these materials instead of diverting them for disposal.
- (5) The Newsprint Recycling Task Force and the Kentucky Press Association shall encourage all Kentucky industries and businesses, their trade or professional organizations, and all public agencies at the state and local level to increase their use of recycled newsprint.
- (6) The Newsprint Recycling Task Force shall take steps to attract a recycled newsprint mill or related facility to Kentucky by identifying potential sites and potential manufacturers. The task force shall also work with the Kentucky Recycling and Marketing Assistance Advisory Committee in recommending appropriate economic and tax incentives to encourage such a project.
- (7) The Newsprint Recycling Task Force shall promote the increased recovery of old newspapers and, with the Commonwealth of Kentucky representatives, work with communities to develop processing and collection programs to provide quality material to the marketplace.
- (8) The Newsprint Recycling Task Force shall report to the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources by October 1, 1995, on the availability and cost of adequate supplies of newsprint which contain a recycled content of fifty percent (50%) or more, or any other information or recommendations deemed appropriate.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note** (6/20/2005). 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.